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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a non-English patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). An English translation will follow within the required time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

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For: ARTICLE COATED WITH ZIRCONIUM COMPOUND FILM,  
METHOD FOR PREPARING THE ARTICLE AND  
SPUTTERING TARGET FOR USE IN COATING WITH THE  
FILM

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of nineteen (19) pages
- ☒ Two (2) sheet(s) of informal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-250116 and 2003-176242 filed in JAPAN on August 29, 2002 and June 20, 2003, respectively.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2) (B) (i)

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